

# 南雅中学 2024 年上期第一次月考试题

## 高二英语

时量：120 分钟      分值：150 分

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### 第一部分 听力（共两节，满分 30 分）

做题时，先将答案标在试卷上。录音内容结束后，你将有两分钟的时间将试卷上的答案转涂到答题卡上。

#### 第一节(共 5 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 7.5 分)

听下面 5 段对话。每段对话后有一个小题，从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项，并标在试卷的相应位置。听完每段对话后，你都有 10 秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段对话仅读一遍。

1. What part of maths is the woman bad at?

- A. Shapes                                  B. Numbers                                  C. Angles

2. What is the probable relationship between the speakers?

- A. Friends                                  B. Brother and sister                                  C. Doctor and patient

3. What industry does the woman hope to work in?

- A. Travel                                  B. Finance                                  C. Medicine

4. Where are the speakers probably?

- A. In a classroom                                  B. In the wild                                  C. In a hospital

5. When will the woman's mother probably arrive?

- A. At about 12:00 p.m.                                  B. At about 3:00 p.m.                                  C. At about 6:00 p.m.

#### 第二节(共 15 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 22.5 分)

听下面 5 段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后有几个小题，从题中所给的 A、B、C 三个选项中选出最佳选项，并标在试卷的相应位置。听每段对话或独白前，你将有时间阅读各个小题，每小题 5 秒钟；听完后，各小题将给出 5 秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白读两遍。

听第 6 段材料，回答第 6、7 题。

6. What upsets the woman?

- A. Her campus life                                  B. Her friends' attitude                                  C. Her recent schoolwork

7. What is the man like according to the woman?

- A. Strict                                  B. Positive                                  C. Knowledgeable

听第 7 段材料，回答第 8、9 题。

8. What is the man's job probably?

- A. A tour guide                                  B. A ship captain                                  C. A seaport manager

9. Which country is the woman from?

- A. China                                  B. Singapore                                  C. Italy

听第 8 段材料，回答第 10 至 12 题。

10. What do the speakers mainly talk about?

- A. Robots will take jobs from humans.
- B. Robots will replace humans entirely.
- C. Robots will be introduced into homes.

11. How does the man think about robots?

- A. They are not very friendly.
- B. They break down regularly.
- C. They do more with less cost.

12. What percentage of jobs will be at risk during the next decade?

- A. 3%
- B. 15%
- C. 33%

听第 9 段材料，回答第 13 至 16 题。

13. What is the man's job about?

- A. Observing the planets
- B. Doing research in space
- C. Teaching others knowledge

14. What is the man looking at today?

- A. Mars
- B. Venus
- C. The Moon

15. Where will the woman have lunch?

- A. At the man's office
- B. At a café
- C. At her home

16. What will the woman do next?

- A. Go home
- B. Use the telescope
- C. Have lunch

听第 10 段材料，回答第 17 至 20 题。

17. During which season did the speaker's journey take place?

- A. Winter
- B. Fall
- C. Summer

18. What is the speaker's biggest challenge?

- A. Traveling alone
- B. Bearing the heat
- C. Cycling for long

19. What did the family do for the speaker?

- A. They invited him to their house.
- B. They taught him a new language.
- C. They guided him through the desert.

20. What offers inspiration for the speaker's new book?

- A. New friends
- B. The landscape
- C. Local food

第二部分 阅读（共两节，满分 50 分）

第一节（共 15 小题；每小题 2.5 分，满分 37.5 分）

阅读下列短文，从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中选出最佳选项。

A

The United Kingdom is a land of natural beauty and history, with many of its finest

attractions discovered through hiking. Now, dust off your boots, plan according to the following routes presented by a survey of senior hikers and an incredible experience will wait for you.

### **Wales Coastal Path**

Wales is the only country in the world that has an official walking path covering its whole borders. The Wales Coastal Path is a footpath stretching 870 miles from Chester to Chepstow. Walking the whole thing might be demanding, but there are plenty of stretches that can be enjoyed over a day or two.

### **Southwest Coast Path**

You need a fair amount of annual leave, a casual 52 days or so, to undertake this in one go. The route runs from Somerset all the way to Dorset, via rugged cliffs, cute fishing villages and surfing spots along the coastline. You can surely jump on to any point as you like, but you can't afford to miss all the pubs full of jokes and laughter on the way!

### **Coast to Coast Walk**

This long-distance trail isn't official, but popular in the country, taking hikers from the Irish Sea to the North Sea as it rolls into historic Robin Hood's Bay in Yorkshire. Following local footpaths, the route takes you through three UK National Parks: the Lakes, the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors.

### **Cleveland Way**

You'll want nine days to fully complete this hike, which explores both the North York Moors and the county's world-famous coastline. Just make sure you allow enough time to properly enjoy spots like Roseberry Topping hill and pick up a gentle afternoon walk at Whitby's clifftop church.

21. Who will be more interested in the routes?

- A. Explorers in the UK.
- B. Hiking lovers.
- C. Nature photographers.
- D. Field researchers.

22. What is highly recommended about Southwest Coast Path?

- A. Fishing villages.
- B. Surfing spots.
- C. Local pubs.
- D. National parks.

23. What do the four routes have in common?

- A. They include cliffs worth visiting.
- B. They are official and demanding.
- C. They run along the coast.
- D. They can be completed in a month.

## **B**

Tonight, our family was going out to play under the full moon.

My husband Todd and I first started going on full moon walks for ourselves, as we needed these little doses of moonlight to stay happy, though sometimes we had to hike through the forest to find a perfect spot. But after we became parents, we did this for our children. We wanted to show Sierra and Bryce that it was not necessary to travel far from home to have an adventure and learn something new, and that there was much magic in the natural world, available to all.

Once we arrived at our location, Sierra and I stood holding hands, waiting to cheer the full moon in its rising—a thin sliver of the appealing moon emerged above the ridge of the mountain afar. Soon, more of the moon came out until it turned into a brilliant orange sphere. Todd explained to Sierra and Bryce that the moon generates no light, but simply acts like a mirror, reflecting the sunlight back to us. “Does the moon’s face change?” Bryce asked. I told him that the

moon rotates (旋转) around the earth, but does not spin by itself, so the same side of the moon is

always facing the earth. Sierra remarked that the moon looked larger and closer when it was rising. I explained that it is a visual illusion (错觉) because it is so close to the horizon that the moon magically tricks our eyes into comparing it with nearby objects, thus creating the impression of the increased size.

Much of the knowledge that I shared with the kids was learned from my parents. During my childhood, they would take me on educational adventures out in the woods, and as I later found, so did their parents. So every time I go for a full moon walk with my beloved family, I thank those wise educators who came before me.

To educate, sometimes all it takes is going outdoors and gazing up at the heavens.

24. What does the underlined word “this” in paragraph 2 refer to?

- A. Going on a hike through the forest.
- B. Taking a walk under the full moon.
- C. Watching magic shows every month.
- D. Traveling far from home for adventure.

25. What can we learn from their family outing?

- A. The kids were reluctant to participate.
- B. Todd mentioned the mirror to explain sunlight.
- C. The kids exhibited a spirit of exploration about the moon.
- D. The author used a magic trick to explain the larger moon.

26. Which of the following best describes the parents?

- A. Creative and faithful.
- B. Selfless and brave.
- C. Inspiring and generous.
- D. Insightful and patient.

27. What does the story convey to the readers?

- A. Life is what you make it.
- B. Every cloud has a silver lining.
- C. Nature is the best teacher.
- D. God helps those who help themselves.

### C

The words “caring” and “empathetic”(共情的) aren’t ones normally associated with technology. Yearsley, an Australian enterpriser who is expert in artificial intelligence (AI), is trying to change that.

Yearsley is the founder of Akin, a robotics startup that currently uses a tablet-based system to help users manage the tasks related to home life, whether that’s planning meals or reminding you to pay your cell phone bill. Current home devices made by Google or Amazon or Apple use predictive AI to track patterns, strengthen behaviors and manipulate(操控) buying decisions, some of which, she assumes, are questionable or just unhealthy.

In contrast, the AI that she is developing will be designed to run the human home, encouraging healthful decisions such as taking a nightly walk, refilling the fridge and supporting social interactions like lunches or birthday celebrations with friends.” It’s the hardest AI I have ever built for it’s a complex system, Yearsley says.

Yearsley began developing the Akin technology in 2017, when she realized the need to better manage the home is hugely ignored. Besides, she realized that women unequally bear the burden of household work. A United Nations report estimates that women do 2.6 times the amount of unpaid care and domestic work that men do, or close to 30 hours per week in the U. S. alone.

While Yearsley pictures an army of robots someday helping with routine homemade tasks, the first display for Akin will take time and money. Akin has received some early seed money from a handful of investors, and was recently selected as a finalist for tech giant LG Nova's Mission for the Future program, an annual challenge that seeks to identify businesses having potential to improve life and lead society into the future.

28. What might the Akin's AI system suggest?
- A. Consuming more drinks to enjoy yourself.
  - B. Staying up late working to make more money.
  - C. Spending more time staying with your family.
  - D. Purchasing products that may attract you.
29. What made Yearsley develop the Akin's AI system?
- A. The high cost of current home devices.
  - B. Akin's becoming a finalist for a program.
  - C. Financial support from investors.
  - D. Heavy burden of housewives.
30. What can be used to describe the Akin's AI system?
- A. Popular and promising
  - B. Stable and secure
  - C. Thoughtful and innovative
  - D. Mature and ideal
31. What's the purpose of the text?
- A. To introduce a futuristic AI system
  - B. To compare two companies' AI systems
  - C. To call on people to care about housewives
  - D. To seek support for an AI expert

#### D

Hibernation (冬眠) is a classic topic of science fiction. In movies such as 2001: A Space Odyssey, Alien, or Passengers, crew members are put into a state of sleep to take year-long journeys to space. Now a new study from Washington University has shown that human hibernation may soon become a reality.

The research team carried out tests on rats — animals that do not naturally hibernate. They first identified a group of neurons (神经元) in a deep brain region, which were found to be involved in controlling body temperature during hibernation. They showed that, in mice, these neurons could be stimulated using ultrasound (超声波), which was delivered through a helmet without causing an injury.

When receiving the ultrasound, the mice showed a drop in body temperature of about 3°C, and their heart rates fell by about 47%. When the ultrasound system was switched off, they woke up again. The result was “surprising and fascinating”, said Hong Chen, a professor who led the work.

Researchers are also trying to determine how to harness the power of hibernation to help humans. They believe that it could be key to addressing health conditions like heart disease, and Alzheimer's. Furthermore, hibernation's ability to slow aging, which was observed in bats, could benefit space exploration, enabling longer missions with less food requirements. Research in animals also suggests that bodies of hibernating astronauts might lose less bone and muscle, making them fit and ready to start challenging exploration soon after they wake up.

By unlocking the secrets of this remarkable process, researchers may uncover ways to

improve human health, as well as gain new insights into the natural world. Therefore, the exploration of hibernation is an exciting area that is sure to yield numerous benefits in the years to come.

The scientists now plan to look at how lowered body temperature might affect the cognitive abilities of humans. "Our next experiments will test working memory in monkeys. This is important because while astronauts physically hibernate as they fly into deep space, their brain still needs to be working," said Chen.

32. How did researchers put rats into hibernation?

- A. By lowering their body temperature.
- B. By activating specific brain neurons.
- C. By putting a regular helmet on them.
- D. By using ultrasound through an operation.

33. What does the underlined word "harness" in Paragraph 4 probably mean?

- A. Employ.
- B. Challenge.
- C. Overlook.
- D. Discover.

34. What advantage might hibernation bring to humans?

- A. It improves people's mental health.
- B. It predicts a variety of heart diseases.
- C. It helps astronauts keep physically fit.
- D. It enables astronauts to build up muscle.

35. What's the purpose of the last paragraph?

- A. To point out the significance of the study.
- B. To bring out the focus of follow-up studies.
- C. To discuss other factors affecting hibernation.
- D. To explain practical applications of the finding.

第二节（共 5 小题；每小题 2.5 分，满分 12.5 分）

根据短文内容，从短文后的选项中选出能填入空白处的最佳选项。选项中有两项为多余选项。

#### Your guide to becoming the perfect gift giver

Trying to find the perfect present is as difficult as trying to read someone's mind. Few people will actually tell you what they want for a special occasion, and most of the time your loved ones will insist that they don't need or want anything! 36 Here are some tips that could help.

Be honest - do you wait until the last minute to start looking for presents? 37 so are we! However, starting your shopping early can have a number of advantages. The closer it gets to holidays such as Christmas, the higher the prices creep up. So, if you wait too long, you might have to spend quite a bit more on what you want.

38 Now is the time to put your thinking cap on as you make a list. Here, you can write down everything the receivers love. This can include food, hobbies, experiences, and more. 39 If you are lucky, you should be able to find a few good ideas in one of these lists. At the very least, you will have some ideas of which direction you should head off in.

40 Often, the reason you get stuck for gift ideas is because you are restricting yourself too much. If you are only fixed on the same kind of presents then you'll run out of inspiration. There really are many wonderful out - of - the - box ideas to select from. If a regular present isn't doing the trick, it may be time to think a little bigger. Instead of a physical gift, you can give

- someone an experience that they will never forget.
- A. So what to do?
  - B. You are definitely not alone.
  - C. Save your money by being an early bird.
  - D. You will be able to give them the gift of friendship.
  - E. If you are still coming up empty, it is time to get creative.
  - F. What memory between the two of you stands out the most?
  - G. Once you have done this, you can move onto the things they need.

第三部分语言运用 (共两节, 满分 30 分)

第一节(共 15 小题: 每小题 1 分, 满分 15 分)

阅读下面短文, 从每题所给的 A、B、C、D 四个选项中选出可以填入空白处的最佳选项。

How long have you been going to the same hairdresser or barber? It's a question that gets us thinking about the unique friendship we 41 with our stylists over the years.

You have confidence in each other. You have a laugh together and regularly 42 each other's news. Plus they try to make you look and feel your best. That's a(n) 43 not only for a great friendship, but also for the perfect relationship with your hairdresser. When you find a good barber, it's something to 44.

Many people have 45 experiences with their hairdressers. I've had my hair cut by Claire Miller for more than 15 years. She's taken me through all kinds of 46, and she's helped me find a totally new look now during the post-chemotherapy (化疗后) period with dyed blonde hair! 47 hairstyles, there have been communications about the joys and trials of motherhood, the 48 of health problems and changes in our careers and lives — the stuff of 15 years that we have 49 in the three salons (沙龙) Claire has worked in.

While she cut my hair recently, we chatted about that special 50 that forms between hairdressers and their clients. "You hear so many stories from them, and sometimes you feel like a counselor (咨询师) 51 a hairdresser. You assess their needs, and you know how to react to them," says Claire.

For Claire, the customer interaction is something she loves about the job and that she has 52 developed throughout her working life. "It's about being human and 53 about people. A lot of my clients are my friends and like family now. It's my 54 to cut their hair, making them look and feel good, but I also want them to feel 55 by the experience," laughs Claire.

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| 41. A. break       | B. promote       | C. form        | D. begin       |
| 42. A. catch up on | B. make up for   | C. put up with | D. end up with |
| 43. A. request     | B. desire        | C. occasion    | D. recipe      |
| 44. A. resolve     | B. remember      | C. cherish     | D. evaluate    |
| 45. A. reliable    | B. unforgettable | C. imaginable  | D. inseparable |
| 46. A. shapes      | B. models        | C. styles      | D. sorts       |
| 47. A. Besides     | B. Despite       | C. Given       | D. After       |
| 48. A. injuries    | B. emotions      | C. concerns    | D. challenges  |
| 49. A. brought     | B. shared        | C. observed    | D. emphasized  |
| 50. A. link        | B. role          | C. habit       | D. pattern     |
| 51. A. other than  | B. rather than   | C. less than   | D. more than   |
| 52. A. eventually  | B. gradually     | C. immediately | D. frequently  |



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| 53. A. caring     | B. hanging  | C. worrying | D. talking   |
| 54. A. desire     | B. ambition | C. hobby    | D. job       |
| 55. A. fascinated | B. struck   | C. uplifted | D. impressed |

第二节（共 15 小题；每小题 1 分，满分 15 分）

阅读下面短文，在空白处填入 1 个适当的单词或括号内单词的正确形式。

American scientists are working to develop a telescope to deploy(部署) on the moon. The telescope is designed to search for ancient radiowaves 56. existence could provide important details about the early universe. The American space agency NASA and the U.S. Department of Energy are working together on the project. The telescope will be 57. first designed to collect data on a historical period of the universe 58. (call) the Dark Ages. This period 59. (consider) important to study because it can provide new details about the formation and development of the universe. The Dark Ages began nearly 380,000 years after the Big Bang, the 60. (explode) that many scientists believe created the universe. During the Dark Ages, there were no stars or planets. In a statement 61. (announce) the project, NASA said information on the Dark Ages can only be learned through data collected from radio waves. The new telescope is 62. (special) designed to provide details about the formation of the early universe. The telescope is to be placed 63. what is known as the far side of the moon. This 64. (describe) came about because that side of the moon cannot be seen from the Earth. The area does experience 65. (it) own day and night cycle.

66. It is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ (ethnic) diverse countries in the world with distinct cultures.

67. In the distance, elephants were eating grass, ears \_\_\_\_\_ (flap) lazily as they moved slowly over the plains.

68. It's strange that we try to sleep with no pressure \_\_\_\_\_ our back, but the unusual beds don't both us any more.

69. \_\_\_\_\_ we're fascinated by the sky is evident in ancient tales from around the world, such as 70. of Chang'e.

第四部分 写作（共两节，满分 40 分）

第一节（满分 15 分）

假如你是李华，你的外国朋友 Frank 对中国文化很感兴趣，请您写一封邮件邀请他暑假来长沙旅游，内容包括：

1. 发出邀请；
2. 你制定的长沙旅游计划
3. 表达希望。

注意：1. 词数 80 左右；

2. 可以适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。

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第二节（满分 25 分）

阅读下面材料，根据其内容和所给段落开头语续写两段，使之构成一篇完整的短文。

My 16-year-old daughter, Lin, had always been a cheerful girl, full of laughter. Her transition (转变) to senior high school was originally met with great enthusiasm (热情). She would come home every day, sharing with us tales of her new experiences, her friends and the fun news of high school life. But as weeks went by, she became quieter and something seemed to be troubling her deeply.

My husband and I realized something was wrong, but we decided to wait until she was ready to open up. One evening, I prepared her favorite jiaozi for supper, hoping it would cheer her up. However, that night, it was different. She seldom touched it, lost in thought. After the meal, we gathered in the living room, a space where our family had shared many heart-to-hearts. The air was heavy with unspoken words. My husband and I exchanged a quick look before I decided to break the silence. I gently brought up the subject, "Lin, you seemed worried lately. Is everything okay at school? You know you can always open up to me and your dad."

Lin looked up, her eyes reflecting a mix of frustration (沮丧) and hopelessness. "Mom, I'm really struggling with physics. No matter how hard I try, I couldn't understand it a little bit. I feel so lost," she admitted, with her voice trembling slightly. My heart sank as I saw the sadness in her eyes. Physics had always been a challenging subject for her, but this time it seemed to go beyond the usual difficulties. Then I reached out, holding her hand and trying to offer comfort and said, "High school is a big step, and it's okay to take some time to adjust (调整). The most important thing is that you've been honest about how you're feeling." My husband cut in, "We can work through this together, step by step. Remember, we are always here for you." Then we offered her some practical advice.

注意:

1. 续写词数应为 150 左右;
2. 请按如下格式在答题卡的相应位置作答。

Over the next few weeks, Lin followed the ways we discussed. \_\_\_\_\_

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Finally came Lin's final-term physics exam. \_\_\_\_\_

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# 答 案

第一部分：听力(共 20 小题；每小题 1.5 分，满分 30 分)

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21-23. BCC    24-27. BCDC    28-31. CDCA    32-35. BACB    36. ABCGE  
41-45 CADCB    46-50. CADB A    51-55. BBADC  
56.whose    57. the    58.called    59.is considered  
60.explosion    61. announcing    62. specially    63.on    64. description    65. its  
66.ethnically    67. flapping    68. against    69. that    70.that

【A 篇答案】21. B    22. C    23. C

应用文。文章主要介绍了四个徒步的路线以及各自的特点。

21. 细节理解题。根据第一段中“Now, dust off your boots, plan according to the following routes presented by a survey of senior hikers and an incredible experience will wait for you.(现在，掸掉靴子上的灰尘，根据一项针对高级徒步旅行者的调查给出的以下路线进行计划，一场令人难以置信的体验将等待着你)”可知，徒步旅行爱好者会对这些路线更感兴趣。故选 B。

22. 细节理解题。根据第三段中“You can surely jump on to any point as you like, but you can't afford to miss all the pubs full of jokes and laughter on the way!(你当然可以随心所欲地跳到任何一个点上，但你不能错过路上所有充满笑话和笑声的酒吧！)”可知，西南海岸航道当地的酒吧值得推荐。故选 C。

23. 细节理解题。根据三个小标题“Wales Coastal Path; Southwest Coast Path; Coast to Coast Walk(威尔士海岸小径；西南海岸步道；海岸到海岸步道)”以及最后一段中“You'll want nine days to fully complete this hike, which explores both the North York Moors and the county's world-famous coastline. (你将需要 9 天的时间来完成这趟徒步旅行，它将探索北约克荒原和这个郡举世闻名的海岸线)”可知，这四条路线的共同之处是都沿着海岸。故选 C。

【B 篇答案】24. B    25. C    26. D    27. C

记叙文。文章主要讲述了作者全家在满月下外出散步的经历，在月亮下作者和孩子们探讨了有关月球的知识，从而表现了大自然是最好的老师。

24. 词义猜测。根据文章第二段My husband Todd and I first started going on full moon walks for ourselves, as we needed these little doses of moonlight to stay happy, though sometimes we had to hike through the forest to find a perfect spot. But after we became parents, we did this for our children.(我和丈夫托德最初开始进行满月散步是为了我们自己，因为我们需要这样一点一滴的月光来保持快乐，尽管有时我们必须穿越森林去寻找一个完美的地方。但当了父母后，我们就为孩子们做这件事)”可推知，第二段中划线的“this”指的是在满月下散步。故选 B。

25. 推理判断题。根据文章第三段Todd explained to Sierra and Bryce that the moon generates no light, but simply acts like a mirror, reflecting the sunlight back to us. “Does the moon's face change?” Bryce asked.(Todd 向 Sierra 和 Bryce 解释说，月亮不会发光，只是像一面镜子一样，把阳光反射回我们身边。Bryce 问道：“月亮的脸会变吗？”)及“Sierra remarked that the moon

looked larger and closer when it was rising.(Sierra 说，当月亮升起时，它看起来更大、更近)

”可知，孩子们在这次外出活动中表现出对月球的探索精神。故选 C 项。

26. 推理判断题。根据文章第二段“We wanted to show Sierra and Bryce that it was not necessary to travel far from home to have an adventure and learn something new, and that there was much magic in the natural world, available to all.(我们想让 Sierra 和 Bryce 明白，无需远离家乡就能体验冒险并学到新东西，而且自然界本身就蕴含着神奇之处，对所有人都触手可及)”可知，这对父母有比较深刻的见解，文章第三段““Does the moon’s face change?” Bryce asked. I told him that the moon rotates around the earth, but does not spin by itself, so the same side of the moon is always facing the earth.(“月亮的脸会变吗？”Bryce 问道。我告诉他，月球绕地球旋转，但不会自行旋转，所以月球的同一侧总是面向地球)”及“I explained that it is a visual illusion because it is so close to the horizon that the moon magically tricks our eyes into comparing it with nearby objects, thus creating the impression of the increased size.(我解释说，这是一种视觉错觉，因为它离地平线太近了，月亮神奇地欺骗我们的眼睛，让我们把它与附近的物体进行比较，从而给人留下尺寸增大的印象)”可知，孩子提出问题时，作者总是耐心回答，故这对父母是有深刻见解的，有耐心的。故选 D 项。

27. 主旨大意题。根据文章第二段“We wanted to show Sierra and Bryce that it was not necessary to travel far from home to have an adventure and learn something new, and that there was much magic in the natural world, available to all.(我们想让 Sierra 和 Bryce 明白，无需远离家乡就能体验冒险并学到新东西，而且自然界本身就蕴含着神奇之处，对所有人都触手可及)”及文章最后一段“To educate, sometimes all it takes is going outdoors and gazing up at the heavens.(教育孩子时，有时候所需要的仅仅是走出户外，抬头仰望天空)”可知，作者想要表达“大自然是最好的老师”。故选 C 项。

【C 篇答案】28. C 29. D 30. C 31. A

新闻报道。机器人初创公司 Akin 的创始人 Yearsley 正在开发的人工智能系统将为用户带来体贴和人性化的家庭管理服务，使“关怀”和“同理心”不再与技术无关。

28. 推理判断题。根据第三段第一句“In contrast, the AI that she is developing will be designed to run the human home, encouraging healthful decisions such as taking a nightly walk, refilling the fridge and supporting social interactions like lunches or birthday celebrations with friends. (相比之下，她正在开发的人工智能将被设计为管理人类的家庭，鼓励健康的决定，比如晚上散步，给冰箱加满食物，支持与朋友共进午餐或庆祝生日等社交互动。)，可知 Akin 的人工智能系统支持与家人一起度过更多时间。故选 C。

29. 细节理解题。根据第四段第一句“Yearsley began developing the Akin technology in 2017, when she realized .the need to better manage the home is hugely ignored. ( Yearsley 在 2017 年开始开发 Akin 技术，当时她意识到更好地管理家庭的需求被严重忽视。)”第二句“Besides, she realized that women unequally bear the burden of household work. (此外，她意识到女性承担家务的负担是不平等的。)”可知，Yearsley 的 AI 系统研发的因素之一就是家庭主妇和照顾者的沉重负担。故选 D。

30. 推理判断题。根据第二段第二句“Current home devices made by Google or Amazon or Apple use predictive AI to track patterns, strengthen behaviors and manipulate buying decisions, some of which, she assumes, are questionable or just unhealthy. (目前由谷歌、亚马逊或苹果生产的家用设备使用预测性人工智能来跟踪模式、强化行为并操控购买决策。其中有一些，她认为，是有问题的或者不健康的。)”和第三段的“In contrast, the AI that she is developing will be

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